



# B.A.C.T. NEWSLETTER

**BUS NEWS AND VIEWS**

**Spring and Summer 2009**

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*EDITOR - A very warm  
welcome to the Spring  
/Summer Newsletter*

We are still here, and working on your behalf to keep the funding in place for the office and running the buses for services around rural villages in East Sussex!!

We are constantly upgrading these services; developing a trip to Rye on a regular basis for example is planned.

So that we know what you really want us to do please let us know by completing the feedback form distributed with this newsletter by returning it to us.

I assure you it is confidential, and would help up in forward planning and put them forward to the Local Strategic Planners and East Sussex County Council.

There is a review underway of Passenger Transport services recently so we are keen to keep our fingers on the pulse.

Our services are continuing in their present form as normal, and we will let you know of any changes

*Editor - Val Greenwood*

Office Manager of Battle Area Community Transport

## **Battle Area Shopping Trips**

**Running from Battle,  
Robertsbridge, Mountfield where  
your bus passes are valid:**

**B80 TO TUNBRIDGE WELLS**  
runs monthly on 3<sup>RD</sup> Fridays

**B82 TO EASTBOURNE** runs  
monthly on 3<sup>RD</sup> Thursdays

**RYE - Thursday 16 April**  
[Thursdays are Market Day]  
so we plan a bus trip from Battle  
bus park to Rye early in the morning -  
[fare by donation]

Please pre-book seats with Val  
on 01424 772001

## **BATTLE LUNCH CLUB**

Our Battle Lunch Club meets every third Monday each month at Leeford Place Hotel in Whatlington, just outside Battle. We are local, retired residents who enjoy a good lunch together. It's a chance to meet new friends, in very pleasant surroundings. We provide transport with Battle's community transport bus for people without transport or with mobility problems.

[Ed: Many thanks Maureen for this contribution to the newsletter]

If you would like to know more,  
Please phone **Maureen**, the club's  
organiser direct on 01424 773158

There is a mini-exhibition in the battle library about BACT – Take a look whilst you are there. It runs until the end April.



**Did you know that your group  
can hire our buses for an  
excursion? Please call me to get  
a quotation...**

## **Bus services in the Flimwell & Ticehurst area**

Also calling at Flimwell and Stonegate  
Our shopping bus services where  
your travel cards can be used:

**B80** TO TUNBRIDGE WELL  
runs on 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday monthly  
10am return 2.30pm

**B81** TO EASTBOURNE runs on  
they 4<sup>th</sup> Monday monthly  
10am return 3pm

Please ring Margot to book a seat on  
these 01580 200281 and for pick up  
times and bus stops

## **ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT 2009**

As a part of our fund raising activities,  
the annual golf tournament will be held  
on **Friday 25 September**  
at the

### **Sedlescombe Golf Club**

The format will be a team of 4 players with 2 best  
balls counting on each hole. Prizes will also be for  
'longest drive' and 'nearest the pin'.

Anyone wishing to play, provide sponsorship, or  
donate prizes for auction or raffle at the event are  
asked to contact:

**Will at the BACT office 01424 772001**  
or e-mail him: [will.bact@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:will.bact@tiscali.co.uk)

## **OUR NEW WEBSITE [www.bact-online.co.uk](http://www.bact-online.co.uk)**

We are developing a new website where you  
will be able to download the timetables and  
route maps of our services.

It is also where all details of any new and  
current shopping trips can be found. *..watch  
that space!!*



## **VOLUNTEER DRIVER OF THE MONTH RON BARCHAM**

Ron started volunteering with B.A.C.T.  
four years ago, as a volunteer car driver  
around the Ticehurst area. He likes  
driving to help people who no longer  
have their own car.

He now drives our buses on our regular  
timetabled services and he especially likes  
taking the elderly to their Day Centre in Hurst  
Green, and outings in our wheelchair  
accessible bus.

He was involved with transport during  
his working life and, although now retired, Ron  
still continues a car driving service taking the  
elderly to health care appointments of all kinds  
around Ticehurst.

He is a greatly valued member of the  
BACT team, and our many thanks go to Ron  
for volunteering his time and keenness, which  
is greatly appreciated.

It's volunteer's like Ron, who ensures our  
services keep running...

*...more volunteers are always required  
to join the team...*

*LIFE'S LIKE THAT...*

*...."life is like opening a tin of sardines... we're always  
trying to find the key"*

*... "life can only be understood backwards, but it must be  
lived forwards. This applies to driving buses, ....best  
driven forwards.....!!!!!!"*

*...and finally.... "What's the secret of long life?...*

*....to keep MOVING...!!!"*

### **- STOP PRESS -**

#### **ABOUT THE FEEDBACK FORM**

#### **RETURN BOXES ARE ON THE BUSES**

Please DO complete the form and return to the  
boxes, labelled "FEEDBACK FORM".... ASK THE  
DRIVERS IF IN DOUBT WHAT TO DO...

If you have any suggestions let us know and ANY  
requests, please put them on the forms...